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FOR SCS

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SUBJECT: W/W REPPAS

REFS: A. STATE 245049; B. STATE 244579

1. REFTTEL A, ADDRESS OF MAITRE L. LEBEL IS 23 AVENUE DE
L'INDEPENDANCE, TANANARIVE, TEL. 207-40.

2. REFTTEL B PARA 2, LEBEL TOLD CONSOFF DEC 17 THAT, ALTHOUGH
PROCURER GENERAL CANNOT GRANT CLEMENCY, PAROLE AFTER HALF
SENTENCE SERVED IS POSSIBILITY. MAITRE LEBEL STATED THAT THIS
COULD OCCUR IN TWO WAYS: (A) COURT OF APPEAL COULD SUSPEND
REMAINDER OF SENTENCE AT TIME OF APPEAL HEARING; OR (B) AFTER
HALF SENTENCE IS SERVED, MINISTER OF JUSTICE COULD GRANT
"LIBERTE CONDITIONNELLE," WHICH IS MORE OR LESS "TIME OFF FOR
GOOD BEHAVIOR."

3. REFTTEL B PARA 3, EMBASSY ATTEMPTING CONTACT TRUSTEE IN
BANKRUPTCY. WILL ADVISE OUTCOME DISCUSSION.

4. REFTTEL B PARA 4, LEBEL FELT THAT LENGTH OF SENTENCE WAS NOT
UNUSUAL, PARTICULARLY SINCE REPPAS IS BACOPOULOS' CODEFENDANT.
FINE, HOWEVER, WAS UNUSUAL, AND LEBEL STATED HE CONVINCED COIRT
OF APPEAL WOULD NOT UPHOLD SUCH SUM. EMBASSY HAS NOTED FROM
NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA THAT CONSIDERABLY STIFFER SENTENCES
OF IMPRISONMENT ARE OFTEN GIVEN TO PERSONS CONVICTED OF
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EMBEZZLEMENT. LEBEL ASSESSMENT, THEREFORE, SEEMS CORRECT.

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